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- 1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
- 2. A Specification having a total of 25 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty (20) claims.
- 3. Three (3) sheets of drawings.
- 4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide. Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.



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